New Trial for Ray Is Rejected Again

JACKSON, Tenn. (UPI) — The Tennessee Court of Criminal of Appeals has rejected the latest plea by James Earl Ray for a new trial.

Ray, convicted of the 1968 assassination of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., contended he had been influenced by his attorneys to plead guilty to the slaying. Among other claims Ray said the lawyers hoped to make money from a book about his case.

Appeals Court Judge Martha Craig Daughtrey said the dismissal of Ray's latest petition by Memphis Criminal Court Judge William H. Williams was justified.

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